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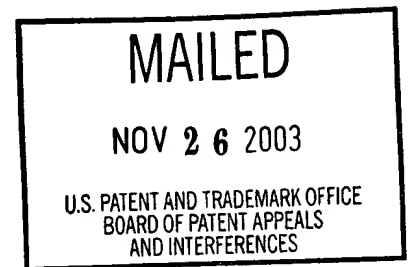
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte NADIA TERREN,
MARIE-MARTINE ROUX, and
SOPHIE FAVRE

Application No. 09/423,974



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 28, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On October 17, 2003, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114, which need to be considered by the examiner.

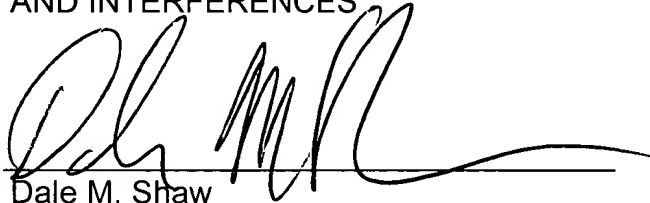
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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for appropriate action.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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